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In re Request for Continued Examination  
(RCE) Application of:

**Tadashi Sugiyama**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice of Allowance dated June 28, 2004 in connection with the  
above-identified application, applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued  
Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application in lieu of payment of the issue  
fee. Please consider the following remarks prior to examination of the above-identified  
RCE application.